

**Middletown Open Space & Fields Committee
Meeting Minutes
19 May 2010**

A meeting of the Open Space & Fields Committee took place on Wednesday, 19 May 2010, at the Middletown Town Police Station. Read Saunders called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Attendees:

Read Saunders - Chairman

Cheryl Boergesson

John Pinto

Anne Wilson

Denise D'Amico

Nick Coogan

Dick Barker

Shawn Brown – Town Administrator

Review and approval of minutes: The minutes of the 21 April 2010 meeting were approved as amended via email.

Old Business:

1. Community Farming Initiative

- Discussion took place about the proposed option to eliminate the budget line that supports the Farmers Market initiative and was the basis for an EPA grant. It was agreed upon to submit a letter from the OS&F Committee to the Town Council to show support for retaining this line item.
- Following a discussion as to how we as a committee wanted to proceed with the Farmer's Market portion of the Community Farming Initiative, it was agreed that as a first step we should meet with the current Farmer's Market's leadership in order to gain an understanding of their needs and concerns. Anne Wilson and Denise D'Amico were asked to make contact with Betsy Peckham and Lisa Lewis to arrange a meeting with our committee.

New Business:

1. A Linden School Park walk-through easement agreement reached.
2. The condition of the Berkeley-Peckham Babe Ruth bleachers is being addressed starting with scope of work be formulated through PWC.
3. A John Ferris Memorial effort is being worked on at Holland Park. A picture of the donated structure was reviewed.

4. Fire-breaks are going to be utilized in the Kempenaar Valley property instead of weekly mowing

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next Open Space & Fields Committee meeting will be on 16 June 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at the Middletown Police Station.

Submitted by,
Read Saunders